Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: The thing is if you are going to have a large number of days set apart for the collection of fees it will confuse the machinery which collects fees. That is the only cause.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ: കോളേജിൽ ശമ്പളം പിരിക്കുന്ന സമ്പ്രദായം എന്താ? അതായതു്, അതു വാങ്ങുന്നതാരാണു്?

റാവുസാഹിബു് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൽ: സാധാരണയായിട്ടു കോളേജിൽ കൊണ്ടറിൽ കൊണ്ടുപോയി കൊടുക്കുക—അതിനു ക്ലാക്കു് ഒരു റസീറ്റം കൊടുക്കും—അങ്ങിനെയാണു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ: ക്ലാക്കു് അങ്ങിനെ ഒരു റസീറ്റ് കൊടുക്കുന്നതിലും നല്ലതു് കുട്ടികളിൽനിന്നും നേരിട്ടു വാങ്ങിച്ചു അതിനു ഒരു രശീതി കുട്ടികൾക്കു കൊടുത്താൽ പോരെ? എന്റെ അറിവു്, കുട്ടികൾക്കു സൌകര്യം ഉണ്ടെങ്കിലും ഇല്ലെങ്കിലും ശമ്പളദിവസം എല്ലാവക്കും വളരെ ജോലിത്തിരക്കാണെന്നാണു്.

റാവുസാഹിബു് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ: ആളുകൾ ധാരാളമുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ, പണിനടത്താൻ സൌകര്യവുമാണു്. ഏതായാലും, കുട്ടികൾക്കു ഫീസു് കൊടുക്കുന്ന കാര്യത്തിൽ എന്തെങ്കിലും അസൌകര്യം ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതു് തീർക്കാൻ വിരോധമില്ല.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: I put this question, because sometimes Jewish pupils being absent on Saturday, send their fees on Fridays, a day in advance. They do not receive it.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: That inconvenience is remedied because I have issued definite instructions that Saturday should not be the day for collecting fees.

NOON-DAY MEALS FOR CHILDREN

20. Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon *(Womens-Ernakulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have prepared any scheme for the distribution of one lakh of rupees donated by Mr. R. M. Alagappa Chettiar for the noon-day meals of poor school children;

(*b*) if so, will Government be pleased to place a copy of the scheme on the Council Table?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: (*a*) A scheme is under preparation only.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Adjournment motions

Mr. President: I have received notice of a motion for adjournment of the business of the House from Mr. A. V. Moothedan. I have had to disallow this motion on the ground that the subject-matter is not a matter of recent occurrence.

I have also received notice of a motion for the adjournment of the business of the House from Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar. I have had to disallow this motion for the reason that the subject-matter mentioned is not a matter of recent occurrence.

Speech by the President

Mr. President: Hon: Members, I am glad to have this opportunity of addressing you and to assure you of my desire and intention to work in collaboration with the Legislature in the service of His Highness for the advancement of the happiness and prosperity of all the subjects of his State. You will not expect me—within a month of my assumption of office—to make any announcement of new departures in policy or administrative practice. I am fortunate in succeeding a Diwan who during his tenure of office earned the support and goodwill of all those charged with the responsibility of administering the affairs of the State, and, for the present, until I have had time and opportunity to study more closely the problems which confront the administration, I feel that I cannot do better than continue to work along the lines which he laid down. Mr. Dixon during the two years he spent here as Diwan determined first to see that the State made its full contribution to war activities of every kind; his second object was to see that all possible steps were taken to ensure the production of as much food as possible within the Sate, his third—and most difficult—task was to secure from outside such additional supplies of food as were necessary to maintain the population in a reasonable state of health: and his fourth task was to ensure as far as possible a distribution of these supplies—both home-grown and imported—to all the inhabitants of the State regardless of their position or influence. His devotion to these aims won universal admiration and regard, and I wish to take this opportunity of adding my tribute to those numerous expressions of appreciation which were paid to him on his departure from the State.

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